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Dear Ernie:

When I phoned you yesterday morning before you reached your office, it was to report two developments to you.

Another publication quite unexpectedly approached me on the editorial level for the rights to POST-MORTEM. The editorial representative came, saw and left here at 1 a.m. today. He was no more in a position to make a commitment than you. As I told you in confidence of the content, so also did I show him the completed book and a box of the documentation.

While I do not assume any more than I do you that this means a deal, because I did speak with you and because you did say it would be three weeks before you could come here, I feel I had to let you know of this development.

I think you will remember that I told you I was not unknown in certain investigatory circles, that I would make no overtures and that I would measure seriousness of intent as it relates to the areas in which I work, or whether and how I heard from them. That time has come. I had hardly returned home when I was asked to go to Washington. I spent the morning in conferences down there and as of now have two more scheduled for up here.

I think you will understand this ellipsis and the need for it.

I am aware that none of these things may eventuate in the way I would prefer, but I am without doubt about the seriousness of the official approach and its possibilities.

Please understand that I am not trying to pressure you and that I understand there is no way in which I can. I am trying only to inform you.

I do not have Peter's address. He had some estimates for me he forgot to give me. I would appreciate getting them.

It may amuse you to know that after you left Tuesday morning and I got in bed (for three hours) I picked up the phone to leave a call for 5 a.m. only to find that as a consequence of the diligent inspection it received it was, to return a famous word to its original meaning, "inoperative."

My best to you all.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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